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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket Number, (Optional) IPT-003.01		
Application Number 09/727,812		Filing Date: November 30, 2000		Examiner: Not yet assigned		Group Art Unit 1645
Invention Title: <i>Methods for Systematic Identification of Protein-Protein Interactions</i>						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.						
(X)	Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
()	A Verified Statement to Establish Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.					
()	No additional fee is required.					
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	2	0	x \$84	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					\$280	\$0
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() Fee for filing of Notice of Appeal: \$300.00						\$0
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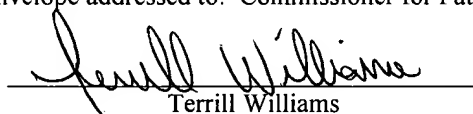
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before examination of the claims on the merits. Kindly amend the Application as follows.

In the claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), please replace claims 1, 5, 8, 9, and 12 with claims 1, 5, 8, 9, and 12 as set forth below and add new claims 16-34. A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes follows the Remarks section of this Response.

1. A method for the identification of an interacting protein, said method comprising:
- a) subjecting an extract to protein-affinity chromatography on two or more columns, said columns having a protein ligand in varying concentrations

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